

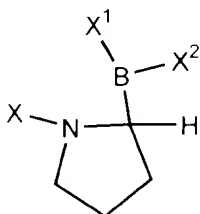
wherein each X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup> is, independently, a hydroxyl group or a group capable of being hydrolyzed to a hydroxyl group at physiological pH;

wherein at least 96% of the carbon atoms bearing boron are of the L-configuration;

wherein A' comprises an amino acid; and

wherein each of the compounds inhibits DP-IV [DPIV] activity.

42. (Thrice Amended) A mixture of stereoisomers consisting of [two or more compounds of the following structure] a compound of the following structure and at least one stereoisomer thereof:



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wherein at least 96% of the carbon atoms bearing boron are of the L-configuration;

wherein X comprises an amino acid or a peptide; and

wherein each of the compounds inhibits DP-IV [DPIV] activity.

### Remarks

Claims 35-51 are pending in the application. Claims 35-51 stand rejected. Claims 35-51